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SUBJECT:CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS REGARDING SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

1. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY FOR YOUR
REFERENCE TO ACCOMPANY SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS ON KOREA.

JANUARY 1968: BLUE HOUSE RAID, PUEBLO SEIZURE.

APRIL 1969: EC-121 SHOOTDOWN.

DECEMBER 1969: KAL PLANE HIJACKED TO NORTH KOREA.

AUGUST 15, 1970: PRESIDENT PARK SPEECH CALLING FOR GOOD-
INTENTIONED COMPETITION.

AUG.12,1971: ROK RED CROSS PROPOSED FAMILY SEARCH CAMPAIGN.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1971 - AUGUST 11, 1972: NORTH AND SOUTH
RED CROSS PRELIMINARY MEETING.

MAY 2, 1972: NORTH-SOUTH POLITICAL CONFERENCE
(YI HU-RAK TO PYONGYANG).

MAY 29-JUNE 1,1972:DPRK VICE PREM ER HAK SONG-CHOL TO SEOUL

JULY 4, 1972: SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED.

JUNE 23, 1973: PRESIDENT PARK STATED THAT THE ROK PROPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PARTIES CONCERNED.

MARCH, 1974: THE NORTH KOREAN PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY SENT A LETTER TO THE CONGRESS VIA PRESIDENT FORD PROPOSING BILATERAL TALKS LEADING TO THE SIGNING OF A U.S.-NORTH KOREAN PEACE AGREEMENT.

AUGUST 15, 1974: PRESIDENT PARK'S LIBERATION DAY MESSAGE -- NORTH KOREA SHOULD CEASE ALL ACTS OF AGGRESSIVE PROVOCATION, AND PUBLICLY RENOUNCE UNIFICATION BY FORCE OF ARMS OR OVERTHROW OF THE ROK BY VIOLENT MEANS. IF AND WHEN THIS DONE, ROK WOULD BE WILLING TO SET FORTH EPOCHAL AND MORE REALISTIC MEASURES.

NOVEMBER 23, 1974: PRESIDENT FORD IN KOREA STATED THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE (COMMUNIQUE).

JULY, 1975: JAPANESE LDP DIET MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA ANNOUNCED AT A TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE THAT KIM IL-SONG HAD ASKED THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD KIM'S
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DESIRE TO CONVERT THE ARMISTICE INTO A NORTH KOREAN-U.S. PEACE TREATY.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1975: SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN A SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS, PROPOSED IN THE NAME OF THE U.S. AND THE ROK TO HOLD A QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE ARMISTICE TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

OCTOBER, 1975: NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM THAT NORTH KOREA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENTER INTO INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. NORTH KOREA LATER ADDED A QUOTE NEW ELEMENT UNQUOTE, PROPOSING PARALLEL TALKS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE U.S. AND NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. (ALL THIS PRIOR TO THE 30TH UNGA). WALDHEIM COUNTER PROPOSED TO START WITH U.S.-NORTH KOREAN TALKS AND BRING IN THE ROK LATER. THE NORTH KOREANS EVADED THIS PROPOSAL. WE RESPONDED THAT THE ROK SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ANY TALKS.

NOVEMBER 1975: SEEKING A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ON THE KOREA QUESTION IN THE UNGA, THE JAPANESE PROPOSED THAT THE

U.S. CONTACT THE NORTH KOREANS INFORMALLY TO TAKE UP THE ISSUES OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND AND THE

MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE JAPANESE HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE NORTH KOREANS.

JANUARY 26, 1976: PRESIDENT PARK, IN HIS YOMIURI INTERVIEW, REITERATED HIS JUNE 23, 1973 STATEMENT: A) SOUTH KOREA DID NOT OPPOSE DUAL ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND (B) THE ROK OPENED ITS DOOR TO RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS AND URGED STATES WITH DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO RELATIONS WITH THE ROK.

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APRIL 20 - MAY 12, 1976: THE NORTH KOREAN UN OBSERVER MISSION PASSED TO USUN THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE OF MARCH 11 ADDRESSED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE NOTE WAS A HEAVY-HANDED REITERATION OF STANDARD NORTH KOREAN POSITIONS. WE INFORMED THE ROKG AND OUR CLOSE ALLIES OF THE NOTE AND TOLD THE NORTH KOREANS MAY 12 THAT THEIR NOTE WAS UNACCEPTABLE. WE SAID WE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK IN A FORUM IN WHICH THE ROK PARTICIPATED.

JUNE 1976: AFTER RETURNING FROM HIS TRIP TO PYONGYANG, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR HE WOULD BE GLAD TO PLAY A PRIVATE ROLE IN ESTABLISHING A U.S.-NORTH KOREAN DIALOGUE. HE SAID HE WAS CONVEYING KIM'S VIEWS AND THAT HE FELT KIM WAS INTERESTED IN A DIALOGUE.

JULY 22, 1976: SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN HIS SEATTLE SPEECH, REITERATED THE U.S. CALL FOR A FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE (QUOTE THE PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED UNQUOTE) TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE AND OF REDUCING TENSIONS IN KOREA. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH SOUTH KOREA, NORTH KOREA AND THE PRC DURING THE COMING UNGA SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1976: IN HIS SPEECH TO THE UNGA, SECRETARY KISSINGER REAFFIRMED U.S. READINESS TO MEET WITH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AND THE PRC AND SAID THAT IF A FULL CONFERENCE WERE NOT POSSIBLE, THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT A PHASED APPROACH, IN WHICH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA COULD DISCUSS PRELIMINARY DETAILS. THE U.S. AND THE PRC WOULD ACT AS OBSERVERS, JOINING IN LATER, IF NORTH-SOUTH TALKS YIELDED CONCRETE RESULTS. THE SECRETARY OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LARGER CONFERENCE AT A LATER DATE.

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FEBRUARY 22, 1977: THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN OFFICE HANDED EMBASSY ISLAMABAD AN AIDE-MEMOIRE REPORTING AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN KIM IL-SONG AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. KIM THANKED BHUTTO FOR HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A U.S.-NORTH KOREAN DIALOGUE AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BHUTTO WOULD CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS.

FEBRUARY 26, 1977: WE REPLIED TO THE PAKISTANIS THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEK A CONFRONTATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND WE HOPE FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE KOREAN PEOPLE. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ON ISSUES INVOLVING THE FUTURE OF KOREA PROVIDED THE ROK PARTICIPATED IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

MAY 31, 1977: PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON WROTE PRESIDENT CARTER AN ACCOUNT OF HIS MAY 9-12 VISIT TO PYONGYANG, INCLUDING KIM IL-SONG'S VIEWS ON CONTACTS WITH THE U.S.

JUNE 24, 1977: PRESIDENT CARTER REPLIED TO PRESIDENT BONGO THAT WE APPRECIATED HIS DESIRE FOR IMPROVED NORTH-KOREA-U.S. RELATIONS AND THAT WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT PROVIDED NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE ROK. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA ONLY IF ROK REPRESENTATIVES TAKE PART, AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO DEAL UNILATERALLY WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ALLOWING THE ROK TO PARTICIPATE.

JUNE 29, 1977: SECRETARY VANCE, IN HIS ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH, OUTLINED PARAMETERS OF THE GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS AND REAFFIRMED U.S. AND ROK CALLS FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO THE UN, QUOTE CROSS RECOGNITION UNQUOTE, NEGOTIATIONS TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS, AND OFFERS TO MEET WITH NORTH

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KOREA AND THE PRC AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY FOR LARGER CONFERENCE WITH OTHER KOREAN NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD ENTER ANY NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE FUTURE OF KOREA ONLY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ROK.

OCTOBER 6, 1977: IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT TITO'S LETTER

OF SEPTEMBER, 1977, PRESIDENT CARTER WROTE THAT THE U.S. REMAINED COMMITTED TO A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN KOREA AND TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF ISSUES DIVIDING NORTH AN SOUTH. U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE BEST WAY FOR THAT TO BE ACHIEVED LIES IN DIRECT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE

PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT NORTH KOREANS APPEARED TO SHARE THAT VIEW BASED ON TITO'S TALKS WITH NORTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP.

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